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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

## **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

## Opposer Information

Name	HRHH IP, LLC
Granted to Date of previous extension	01/06/2016
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## **Applicant Information**

Application No	86605795	Publication date	09/08/2015
Opposition Filing Date	01/05/2016	Opposition Peri- od Ends	01/06/2016
Applicant	Oyler, James Andrew 1135 NE 53RD ST KANSAS CITY, MO 64118 UNITED STATES		

## Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 042. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Providing an interactive website featuring technology that allows users to upload and share music and music videos, vote for their favorite artists, provide information regarding upcoming artist performances, provide commentary on live, recorded or uploaded music and music videos, view live or prerecorded performances, interviews, and special events, to purchase tickets for artist performances, and to purchase artist or website merchandise

## Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
Dilution	Trademark Act section 43(c)

## Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Application	86473371	Application Date	12/06/2014

No.			
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	VINYL		
Design Mark			
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Description of	NONE		
Mark			
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: First Use		
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U.S. Application	86473372	Application Date	12/06/2014
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Design Mark	VINYL
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 043. First use: First Use: 2012/08/24 First Use In Commerce: 2012/08/24
	Bar services; restaurant services; providing general purpose facilities for concerts, comedy shows, expositions, and other events and functions

U.S. Application No.	86473374	Application Date	12/06/2014
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	VINYL LAS VEGAS		
Design Mark	Vii	114	
Description of Mark	The mark consists of "V	'INYL LAS VEGAS" within	the shape of a circle.
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: Fir	rst Use: 2012/08/24 First U	Jse In Commerce: 2012/08/24
	Promoting, marketing, a performances of others	and advertising live musica	Il performances and theatrical

U.S. Application No.	86473375	Application Date	12/06/2014
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	VINYL LAS VEGAS
Design Mark	Vinit
Description of Mark	The mark consists of "VINYL LAS VEGAS" within the shape of a circle.
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2012/08/24 First Use In Commerce: 2012/08/24 Arranging and conducting of concerts; concert booking; entertainment services,
	namely, live musical performances, comedy performances, and theatrical performances; provision of information relating to live performances, road shows, live stage events, theatrical performances, live music concerts and audience participation in such events; entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; nightclub services

U.S. Application No.	86473376	Application Date	12/06/2014
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	VINYL LAS VEGAS		

Design Mark	Viri
Description of Mark	The mark consists of "VINYL LAS VEGAS" within the shape of a circle.
Goods/Services	Class 043. First use: First Use: 2012/08/24 First Use In Commerce: 2012/08/24
	Bar services; restaurant services; providing general purpose facilities for concerts, comedy shows, expositions, and other events and functions

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/Jill M. Pietrini/
Name	Jill M. Pietrini
Date	01/05/2016

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In re Matter of Application No. 86/605,795 for the mark: 18TH AND VINYL in Class 42	
	Opposition No.
HRHH IP, LLC	NOTICE OF OPPOSITION
Opposer,	
VS.	
James Andrew Oyler,	
Applicant.	

Commissioner for Trademarks ATTN: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1451

### Dear Commissioner:

Opposer, HRHH IP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, having its principal place of business at Brookfield Place, 250 Vesey Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10281-1023 ("Opposer"), believes that it will be harmed by the registration of the mark 18TH AND VINYL, as shown in U.S. Application Serial No. 86/605,795, in Class 42 (the "Application"), and hereby opposes its registration on the following grounds:

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND REGARDING OPPOSER'S VINYL MARKS

1. Opposer is the entity responsible for operating the highly-successful live performance venue Vinyl Las Vegas at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are true and correct printouts from Opposer's website at the domain <<u>www.hardrockhotel.com</u>> about Opposer and Vinyl Las Vegas.

2. Opposer owns the following trademark applications, filed on December 6, 2014, for the marks VINYL and VINYL & Design (the "VINYL Marks"):

MARK	SER. NO.	CLASS	GOODS/SERVICES
VINYL	86/473,371	35	Promoting, marketing, and advertising live musical performances and theatrical performances of others
VINYL	86/473,372	41	Arranging and conducting of concerts; concert booking; entertainment services, namely, live musical performances, comedy performances, and theatrical performances; provision of information relating to live performances, road shows, live stage events, theatrical performances, live music concerts and audience participation in such events; entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; nightclub services.
VINYL	86/473,373	43	Bar services; restaurant services; providing general purpose facilities for concerts, comedy shows, expositions, and other events and functions.
Viny	86/473,374	35	Promoting, marketing, and advertising live musical performances and theatrical performances of others
VinyP.	86/473,375	41	Arranging and conducting of concerts; concert booking; entertainment services, namely, live musical performances, comedy performances, and theatrical performances; provision of information relating to live performances, road shows, live stage events, theatrical performances, live music concerts and audience participation in such events; entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; nightclub services.
VinyP	86/473,376	43	Bar services; restaurant services; providing general purpose facilities for concerts, comedy shows, expositions, and other events and functions.

3. Opposer first used the VINYL Marks for entertainment, restaurant, bar and related services as early as August 2012. Since then, Opposer has continuously used the VINYL Marks for its various entertainment and related services. Opposer's Vinyl Las Vegas has hosted performances by up-and-coming and established national and international entertainers, and

other entertainment-related events including award shows. Opposer offers tickets to live events held at Vinyl Las Vegas, including musical performances, through its website and at its box office. Opposer advertises and markets Vinyl Las Vegas and the VINYL Marks extensively including, but not limited to, through its social media accounts available through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Vinyl Las Vegas has received considerable media attention. As such, Opposer has developed common law rights in the VINYL Marks which predate the Application.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND REGARDING THE APPLICATION

- 4. On April 22, 2015, Applicant James Andrew Oyler, an individual, having an address of 1135 NE 53<sup>rd</sup> St. 1135, Kansas City, Missouri 64118 ("Applicant"), filed the Application in the Office seeking registration, on an intent-to-use basis, of 18TH AND VINYL for use with an "interactive website featuring technology that allows users to upload and share music and music videos, vote for their favorite artists, provide information regarding upcoming artist performances, provide commentary on live, recorded or uploaded music and music videos, view live or prerecorded performances, interviews, and special events, to purchase tickets for artist performances, and to purchase artist or website merchandise" in Class 42.
- 5. The Application was published for opposition in the Official Gazette on September 8, 2015. Opposer was granted extensions of time to oppose the Application.

### FIRST GROUND - LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

- 6. Opposer incorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 to 5 herein.
- 7. Applicant's proposed mark is confusingly similar to the VINYL Marks.
- 8. Applicant's mark is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the source, origin, affiliation, association, connection, or sponsorship of Applicant's services to be offered under the 18TH AND VINYL mark with the VINYL Marks, Vinyl Las Vegas, the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, and/or with Opposer or Opposer's activities.

### SECOND GROUND – LIKELIHOOD OF DILUTION

9. Opposer incorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 to 8 herein.

- 10. The VINYL Marks are inherently distinctive and have acquired secondary meaning and are associated with Opposer and the services offered under the VINYL Marks. The VINYL Marks are famous within the meaning of the Federal Trademark Dilution Act. Applicant filed the Application after the VINYL Marks had become famous, and Applicant seeks to commercially use the applied-for mark 18TH AND VINYL.
- 11. Applicant's mark is likely to cause dilution of Opposer's VINYL Marks and blur the distinctiveness of Opposer's VINYL Marks.

#### DAMAGE TO OPPOSER

- 12. As a result of all of the foregoing, the maturation of the Application into a registration would cause a likelihood of confusion, mistake, or deception with Opposer and Opposer's VINYL Marks, and a likelihood of dilution of, Opposer's VINYL Marks.
- 13. Opposer would be damaged by the registration of the mark shown in the Application, in that such registration would give Applicant a *prima facie* exclusive right to the use of 18TH AND VINYL, despite the likelihood of confusion, mistake, or deception with Opposer's VINYL Marks, and likelihood of dilution described above.

### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that this Opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer, that the Application be rejected, and that registration of the Application be refused.

Please charge the requisite \$300 opposition filing fee and any additional amounts to Deposit Account No. 50-5691. A duplicate copy of this Notice of Opposition is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 5, 2016 /Jill M. Pietrini

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I hereby certify that this Notice of Opposition is being deposited with the	United State	es
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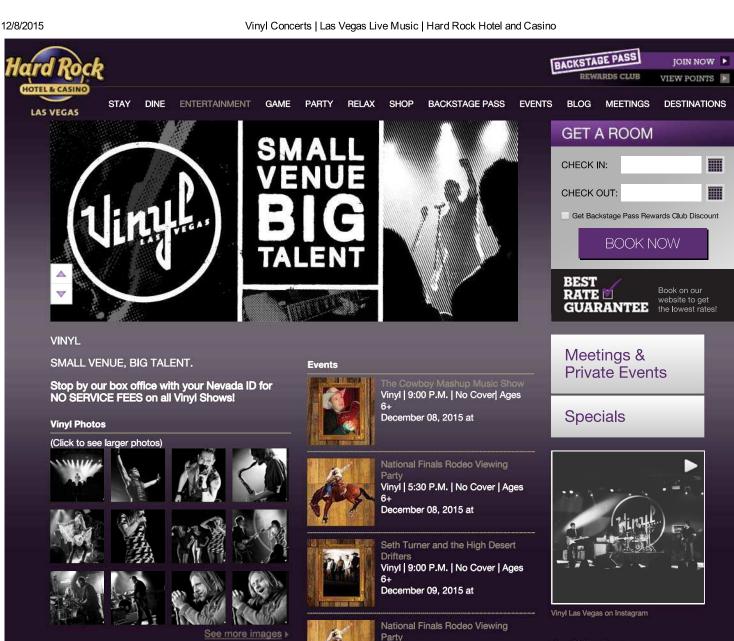
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted electronically to Commissioner of Trademarks, Attn: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, through ESTTA pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §2.195(a), on this 5th day of January, 2016.

/LaTrina A. Martin/ LaTrina A. Martin

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# **EXHIBIT A**





Vinyl | 5:30 P.M. | No Cover | Ages

December 09, 2015 at

Thrillbilly Deluxe Vinyl | 9:00 P.M. | No Cover | Ages

December 10, 2015 at

ALL EVENTS AT VINYL

### **Box Office Hours**

10:00 am to 8:00 pm Daily Closed the 15th of each month from 1pm Tel: 702.693.5000 ext. 6914

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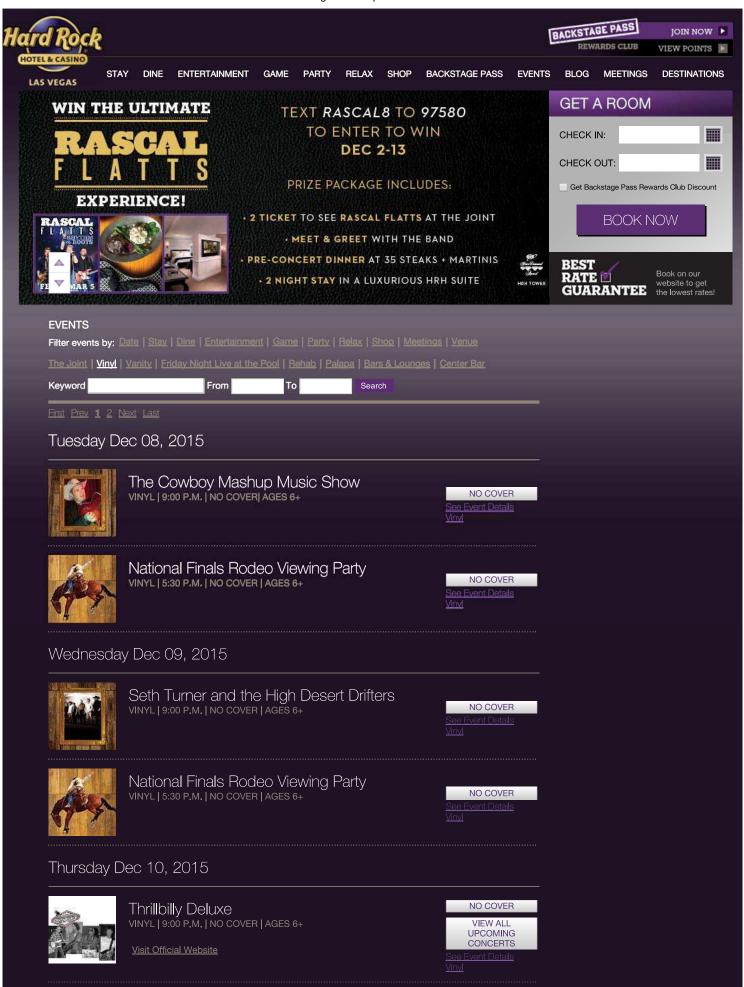
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National Finals Rodeo Viewing Party VINYL | 5:30 P.M. | NO COVER | AGES 6+

NO COVER See Event Details

### Friday Dec 11, 2015



American Voodoo VINYL | 9:00 P.M. | NO COVER | AGES 6-



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National Finals Rodeo Viewing Party

NO COVER See Event Details Vinyl

### Saturday Dec 12, 2015



American Icon: Johnny Cash Tribute Starring
Doug Allen Nash
VINYL | 9:00 P.M. | NO COVER | AGES 6+

NO COVER
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CONCERTS

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Vinvl

<u>Visit Official Website</u>



National Finals Rodeo Viewing Party VINYL | 5:30 P.M. | NO COVER | AGES 6+

NO COVER See Event Details /invl

### Tuesday Dec 15, 2015



bMuse – The World's Most Authentic Tribute to Muse

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CONCERTS

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### Wednesday Dec 16, 2015



EKOH w/ Almost Normal, Avalon Landing, Gregory Michael Davis
VINYL | 7:00 P.M. | AGES 6+

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CONCERTS

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### Thursday Dec 17, 2015



RVLTN presents CIRCUIT: Party Thieves w/Bombmakers, Sloves, Andrew Stolle VINYL | 9:00 P.M. | AGES 6+

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### Friday Dec 18, 2015



High Voltage – The Las Vegas AC/DC Production Show VINYL 19:00 P.M. I NO COVER LAGES 6+

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Vinyl

### Saturday Dec 19, 2015



Sin City Sinners – Christmas in Vegas Spectacular! w/ All Star Special Guests VINYL | 8:00 P.M. | NO COVER | AGES 6+ NO COVER

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CONCERTS

### Sunday Dec 20, 2015



104.3 NOW FM presents JAKE MILLER w/Los 5

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## You

Saturday Dec 26, 2015



Holiday Throwdown Otherwise w/ Conflict of Interest & more

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### Sunday Jan 10, 2016



The Fighter & The Kid Live with Brendan Schaub & Bryan Callen

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### Monday Jan 25, 2016



Mondays Dark with Mark Shunock



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